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Safety & Instruction Manual

M&P Rifles

Read the instructions and warnings in this manual CAREFULLY BEFORE using this firearm.

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WARNING

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS CAREFULLY. BE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS BEFORE USING THIS FIREARM. FAILURE TO READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND TO FOLLOW THESE WARNINGS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO YOU AND OTHERS.

This SAFETY & INSTRUCTION MANUAL should always accompany this firearm and be transferred with it upon change of ownership or when presented to another person. A copy of the SAFETY & INSTRUCTION MANUAL is available FREE upon request from:

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YOUR SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

SAFETY IS YOUR NUMBER ONE RESPONSIBILITY!!!!

At home, in the field, at the range, or anywhere, the first concern of every firearm owner should be safety. Apply the following safety rules in every situation, with any kind of firearm. If you feel uncertain about any operational aspects of your firearm, please contact Smith & Wesson at 1-800-331-0852, ext. 2905 before proceeding with its operation.

WARNING: YOU MUST FOLLOW ALL OF THESE SAFETY RULES TO ENSURE THE SAFE USE OF YOUR FIREARM. THE FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE BASIC FIREARM SAFETY RULES MAY RESULT IN AN UNINTENDED DISCHARGE WHICH COULD CAUSE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO YOU OR OTHERS.

YOUR SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES CONT'D.

- **ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FIREARM POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.** Never point a firearm at anyone or anything you do not intend to shoot whether or not it is loaded. This is particularly important when loading, unloading, or field stripping the gun. ALWAYS control the direction of the firearm.

- **ALWAYS TREAT EVERY FIREARM AS IF IT IS LOADED AND WILL FIRE IF THE TRIGGER IS PULLED.** Do not take anyone's word that the firearm is unloaded – always check for yourself. Never pass your firearm to another person until the cylinder or action is open and you visually check that it is unloaded. Keep your firearm unloaded and safely stored when not in use.

- **NEVER PLACE YOUR FINGER INSIDE THE TRIGGER GUARD OR ON THE TRIGGER UNLESS YOU INTEND TO FIRE.** Ensure that other objects do not touch the trigger.

- **ALWAYS BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND IT.** Always be sure of where the bullet will strike and shoot only where there is a safe back stop free of obstructions, water or other surfaces which can cause ricochets. Do not fire into the sky.

- **NEVER CROSS OBSTACLES SUCH AS FENCES OR STREAMS WITH A LOADED FIREARM.**

- **SAFE GUN HANDLING IS YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY** at all times. Firearms are dangerous and can cause serious injury or death if they are misused or used inappropriately. Safety must be the prime consideration of anyone who owns or handles firearms. Accidents are the result of violating the rules of safe gun handling and common sense. Firearm safety training is available. Contact your dealer, law enforcement agency, local sportsman's club, etc. for availability.

- **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FIREARM AT ALL TIMES.** In owning a firearm, you must undertake full-time responsibility for your firearm's safety and security. You must protect yourself and all others against injury or death from misuse of the firearm 24 hours a day.

- **FIREARM SECURITY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.** You must secure firearms safely from children and/or unauthorized users. Your firearm should always be kept unloaded and locked when not in use. A lock has been provided for this purpose. Never assume that the use of this lock is sufficient to safely secure your firearm. You must always evaluate your personal situation and employ the security system(s) that meets your needs and prevents children and unauthorized users from gaining access to your firearm.

- **APPROPRIATE USE FOR YOUR FIREARM MEANS USING YOUR FIREARM FOR LEGAL PURPOSES.** For example - target shooting and lawful resistance of deadly criminal force. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in compliance with all applicable laws and ordinances regarding the use of your firearm.

- **NEVER RELY ON MECHANICAL FEATURES ALONE.** Only your safe gun-handling habits will ensure the safe use of your firearm. This is your responsibility.

- **ALWAYS SAFELY STORE AND SECURE YOUR FIREARM.** Safe and secure storage of your firearm is one of your most important responsibilities. It is a full-time responsibility. You must always secure your firearm and ammunition separately so that they are not accessible to children and/or other unauthorized persons.

- **NEVER KEEP AMMUNITION IN THE SAME LOCATION AS THE FIREARM.** Store each in a separate and secure place.

- **ALWAYS WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTORS THAT ARE SPECIFIED FOR FIREARM USE** every time you discharge your firearm. Make sure others in the vicinity of where you will be shooting do so as well.

- **NEVER USE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS BEFORE OR WHILE SHOOTING.** Do not use your firearm if you are on any medication which impairs, even slightly, your mental or physical ability.

- **ALWAYS HAVE ADEQUATE VENTILATION.** Discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms, or handling ammunition may result in exposure to lead and other substances known to cause birth defects, reproductive harm, and other serious physical injury. Review the warnings and labels for all ammunition and cleaning products carefully. Wash hands thoroughly after exposure.

- **BEFORE HANDLING ANY FIREARM, UNDERSTAND ITS OPERATION.** Not all firearms are the same. Familiarize yourself with the mechanical features of any firearm you intend to use. If you feel uncertain about any operational aspects of your firearm, please contact Smith & Wesson at 1-800-331-0852, ext. 2905 before proceeding with its operation.

- **NEVER ALLOW A FIREARM TO BE USED BY INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND ITS SAFE OPERATION OR HAVE NOT READ THESE FIREARM SAFETY RULES.**

- **ALWAYS USE THE CORRECT AMMUNITION FOR YOUR PARTICULAR FIREARM** as indicated by the marking on the firearm. Never use non-standard, reloaded, or "handloaded" ammunition which has not been subjected to internal ballistic pressure testing.

YOUR SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES CONT'D.

- **BE SURE ALL ACCESSORIES, SUCH AS HOLSTERS AND GRIPS, ARE COMPATIBLE** with the firearm and that the accessories do not interfere with safe operation.

- **NEVER DISASSEMBLE YOUR FIREARM** beyond the field stripping procedure outlined in this manual. Improper disassembly or reassembly of your firearm may be dangerous and can lead to serious injury or death.

- **NEVER MANIPULATE, ADJUST OR CHANGE ANY OF THE INTERNAL COMPONENTS OF YOUR FIREARM.** Improper manipulation of any internal component may affect the safety and reliability of your firearm and may cause serious injury or death.

- **NEVER ALLOW ANY ALTERATION OR REPLACMENT OF PARTS IN YOUR SMITH & WESSON FIREARM UNLESS PERFORMED BY A QUALIFIED GUNSMITH** using genuine Smith & Wesson parts. If you do otherwise, improper functioning of your firearm may occur and serious injury or death may result.

WARNING: SAFE USE OF A FIREARM IS YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND THE FAILURE TO FOLLOW ALL OF THESE BASIC SAFETY RULES MAY RESULT IN SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO YOU OR OTHERS. YOU ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT SAFETY DEVICE WHEN IT COMES TO THE USE OF YOUR FIREARM AND SMITH & WESSON WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM: (1) THE CRIMINAL OR NEGLIGENT USE OF THIS FIREARM; (2) A DISREGARD OF THESE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS; (3) IMPROPER OR CARELESS HANDLING OF THIS FIREARM; (4) THE USE OF NON-STANDARD, DEFECTIVE, IMPROPER OR RELOADED AMMUNITION; OR (5) IMPROPER OR NEGLIGENT MODIFICATIONS OR REPAIRS TO THE FIREARM.

SAFE STORAGE & TRANSPORTATION

WARNING: FIREARMS ARE DANGEROUS WHEN USED AND STORED IMPROPERLY THEY POSE A RISK OF SERIOUS OR FATAL INJURIES. FIREARMS CAN BE ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS TO CHILDREN WHEN THEY ARE STORED IN AN IRRESPONSIBLE AND UNSAFE MANNER. FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU KEEP YOUR FIREARM LOCKED AND UNLOADED IN A SECURE PLACE. THE AMMUNITION SHOULD BE STORED IN A SEPARATE, SECURE LOCATION WHEN IT IS NOT IN USE. SAFE AND SECURE STORAGE OF YOUR FIREARM IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RULES OF FIREARM SAFETY. YOUR FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO YOU OR OTHERS.

- **ALWAYS SECURE YOUR FIREARM IN A MANNER THAT WILL PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS.** Whenever your firearm is not in use, keep it unloaded and locked. Your safety and the safety of others requires that you always secure and store your firearm in a manner that will prevent unauthorized access. Never leave a firearm unattended unless it is locked, unloaded and secured.

- **ALWAYS USE THE LOCK PROVIDED BY SMITH & WESSON TO SECURE YOUR FIREARM.** Please read and follow the instructions packaged separately for the use of this lock. A lock, when properly used, can be an effective tool in preventing unauthorized access to your firearm. There are other alternative locks and safe storage containers available in the marketplace which may also be appropriate for your particular needs. Consult your local gunshop, hardware store, or local police department for guidance on the variety of other safe storage devices or practices which may be appropriate for your particular needs. By purchasing this firearm you have accepted the responsibility of safely securing the firearm at all times and preventing its unauthorized use. Never assume that the use of this lock alone is sufficient to safely secure your firearm. It is your personal responsibility to select and use whatever measures or practices that will enable you to be absolutely certain that your firearm is secure at all times.

WARNING: NEVER LOCK A LOADED FIREARM AND NEVER LOAD A LOCKED FIREARM!!

- **ALWAYS STORE YOUR FIREARM AND AMMUNITION SEPARATELY** so that they are not accessible to children or other unauthorized persons. Safe and secure storage of your firearm and ammunition are your responsibility. It is a full-time responsibility.

SAFE STORAGE & TRANSPORTATION CONT'D.

- **NEVER ASSUME THAT A "HIDING" PLACE IS A SECURE STORAGE METHOD.** Others may be aware of your storage location or come upon it by chance. It is your personal responsibility to use common sense when storing your firearm and ammunition and to always make sure they are not accessible to children or other unauthorized persons.

- **NEVER TRANSPORT A LOADED FIREARM.** When transporting your firearm, be sure it is unloaded and locked. Safe and secure transportation of your firearm is your responsibility.

- **ALWAYS FOLLOW THE LAW!** Many jurisdictions have laws that make it a crime to keep a firearm unlocked and in an area accessible to children or others. Keeping a firearm locked and unloaded when not in use is not only common sense safety practice... IT IS THE LAW. You must be familiar with all local, state, and federal laws regarding the safe storage and transportation of your firearm. Failure to know and follow the law may result in unauthorized access or use of your firearm by another. Obey all laws relating to the storage and transportation of firearms. Your local police department or gunshop can furnish you with available information on storing and/or transporting a firearm safely and legally.

- **YOUR FIREARM IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.** You must prevent your firearm from being stolen or from being used by untrained or unqualified individuals. Keep it locked, unloaded and secured when not in use.

NOMENCLATURE

Smith & Wesson firearms are reliable and safe to use when the firearm safety rules are followed. There are a number of internal safety mechanisms within the lockwork of the firearm which ensure that the firearm will not discharge unless the trigger of the firearm is pulled. That is one reason why it is important to never modify or alter your firearm. Before you use your firearm, you should be fully familiar with its operation.

Here is a list of basic firearms terminology.

AMMUNITION - CENTERFIRE - Ammunition which contains the primer in the center of the base of the case. Among the most common centerfire firearm cartridges are the .32, .38 Special, .380, 9mm, .357 Magnum®, .40 S&W®, .45 ACP, .44 Magnum® and 5.56mm.

AMMUNITION - RIMFIRE - Ammunition which contains the primer material in the rim. Among the most common rimfire firearm cartridges are the .22 Short, .22 Long, .22 LR, and .22 Magnum.

BOLT - The mechanism that houses the firing pin.

BOLT CATCH - The lever that, when depressed, releases the bolt carrier assembly to the forward position.

CALIBER - The diameter of a bullet, designated in hundredths or thousandths of an inch (.357) or in millimeters (9mm).

CHARGING HANDLE - This cocks the firearm when preparing to fire or clean.

FLASH SUPPRESSOR - This reduces the amount of flash from the muzzle when the weapon is fired.

HAND GUARD - This is a protective shield that covers the gas tube and the barrel keeping your hand from the hot barrel.

LOWER RECEIVER - Lower part of the rifle containing the receiver, trigger and associated parts.

RIFLE - A weapon that can be fired from the shoulder.

SAFETY SELECTOR LEVER - This feature changes the trigger between the safe mode and the firing modes.

UPPER RECEIVER - The part of the receiver containing the barrel, sights, bolt and associated parts.

The operation of your firearm will be explained in greater detail in the pages that follow, as well as a greater description of key component parts.

PREPARATION FOR FIRING

WARNING: THE FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE FIREARM SAFETY REQUIREMENTS WILL CAUSE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO YOU OR OTHERS.

- **ALWAYS TREAT ALL FIREARMS AS IF THEY WERE LOADED.**
- **ALWAYS BE SURE THAT ALL CYLINDERS AND ACTIONS OF FIREARMS ARE OPEN, THAT CHAMBERS ARE CLEAR OF CARTRIDGES, MAGAZINES ARE REMOVED, AND THAT FIREARMS ARE POINTING IN A SAFE DIRECTION.**
- **ALWAYS WEAR ADEQUATE AND PROPER EAR PROTECTORS SPECIFIED FOR FIREARM USE** to prevent permanent damage to your hearing. Make sure others who are nearby are wearing ear protection as well.
- **ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES SPECIFIED FOR FIREARM USE,** whether indoors or out. Safety glasses should protect your eyes from the firing flash and particles associated with the discharge of ammunition. Failure to do so creates a risk of personal injury from particle or debris spitting or ricochets.
- **ALWAYS BE ALERT AND ALWAYS FOLLOW THE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS OF THE RANGE OFFICER.** Never shoot if you are tired, cold or impaired in any way.
- **ALWAYS BE AWARE OF OTHER PEOPLE** so that persons cannot accidentally walk into the line of fire.
- **THE SHOOTER (AND ALL OTHERS IN THE SHOOTING AREA) MUST ALWAYS BE IN A POSITION THAT IS OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE** and are not within an area where they may be struck by ricochets, particles spitting from a firearm, or by ejected cases from other types of firearms.
- **NEVER SHOOT AT HARD SURFACES, WATER OR UP INTO THE SKY.** Always select a place to shoot that has a safe backstop and is free from obstructions and water surfaces which cause ricochets.
- **NEVER USE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS BEFORE OR WHILE SHOOTING.**

AMMUNITION

WARNING: NEVER USE AMMUNITION NOT SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED FOR USE IN YOUR FIREARM. FAILURE TO USE THE CORRECT TYPE OR CALIBER OF AMMUNITION MAY CAUSE THE FIREARM TO JAM, FAIL TO FIRE OR EVEN GENERATE EXCESSIVE PRESSURE WHICH CAN DAMAGE OR EVEN RUPTURE YOUR FIREARM, CAUSING PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Locate the caliber designation marked on the firearm. This information indicates the ammunition caliber that must be used in this firearm. (See figure #1).

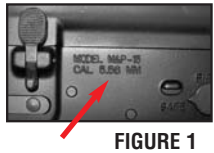


FIGURE 1

You are responsible for selecting ammunition that meets industry standards and is appropriate in type and caliber for this firearm.

Never use a cartridge not specifically designated for use in your firearm. Pressure from the wrong type of ammunition may exceed the capability of your firearm and may damage or even rupture your firearm.

Never mix ammunition.

In some cases, a round of ammunition not specified on your firearm may fit into the chamber. Firing ammunition not specified on your firearm may cause it to rupture and cause serious injury or death to you or others.

Always inspect your ammunition before using it. Never use dirty, corroded or damaged ammunition which can lead to a burst cartridge which may cause damage to the firearm and personal injury or death.

Use only commercially manufactured ammunition with internal ballistic pressures which are in strict accordance with the specifications of the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute (SAAMI). If you are uncertain, contact your ammunition supplier for verification.

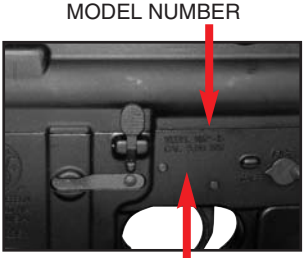
Note: Use of steel jacketed ammunition in the M&P Rifle Series may cause malfunctions.

WARNING: NEVER USE NON-STANDARD, RELOADED OR "HANDLOADED" AMMUNITION WHICH HAS NOT BEEN SUBJECTED TO INTERNAL BALLISTIC PRESSURE TESTING. RELOADED OR HANDLOADED AMMUNITION, MAY HAVE MANY MANUFACTURING AND QUALITY VARIABLES (SUCH AS THE TYPE AND AMOUNT OF GUN POWDER). ANY AMMUNITION THAT IS IMPROPERLY MANUFACTURED, EVEN IN THE SLIGHTEST DEGREE, MAY FAIL TO FIRE OR MAY GENERATE EXCESSIVE INTERNAL PRESSURES WHICH CAN DAMAGE OR EVEN RUPTURE THE FIREARM, CAUSING PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO THE SHOOTER OR THOSE IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY.

A firearm and ammunition are a system and must work together. Their performance is closely related. There are different types of ammunition for different types of firearms. Your firearm has been designed for ammunition of a specific type and a specific caliber. It is important to select the proper ammunition for your firearm.

Different combinations of bullet velocity, bullet weight and firearm weight can have major impact on felt recoil; high felt recoil can be uncomfortable to some shooters.

MODEL NUMBER IDENTIFICATION



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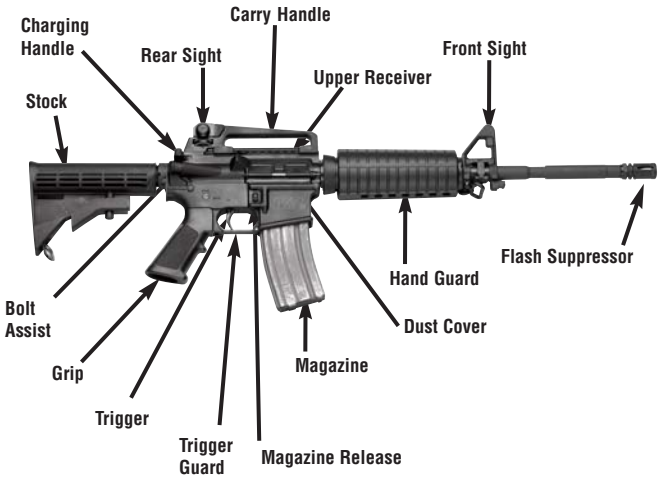

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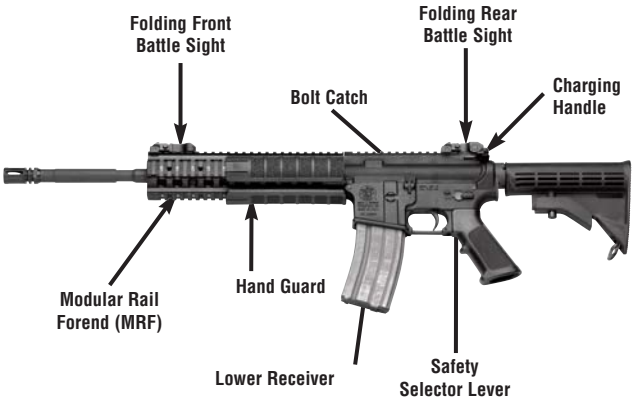

INSPECTING YOUR RIFLE

WARNING: ALWAYS ENSURE THAT THE RIFLE IS UNLOADED BEFORE ANY PROCEDURE IS ATTEMPTED.

- When you inspect your rifle, you should first check for yourself to ensure that it is unloaded. To do this, grasp the rifle with your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard, point the muzzle in a safe direction, depress the magazine release and remove the magazine.

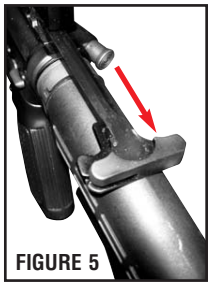
FIGURE 5

- Pull the charging handle all the way back (Figure 5),press and hold the lower portion of the bolt catch down (Figure 6) while you release pressure on the charging handle. This will lock the bolt in the open position. Return charging handle fully forward until it locks and remove finger from bolt catch.

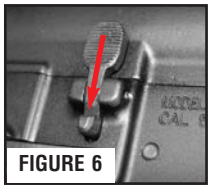
FIGURE 6

- Place safety selector lever on SAFE. (Figure 7)

FIGURE 7

- Look into the receiver and check chamber to be sure no cartridges are visible. (Figure 8)
- You must follow this procedure every time a firearm leaves your hand, is cleaned, handed to you or another person, transported or stored.
- Unload the magazine by holding it with the bullet end of the cartridge pointing away from you and others and pressing each cartridge forward and out of the magazine.

WARNING: NEVER RELY ON MECHANICAL FEATURES ALONE. ONLY YOUR SAFE GUN HANDLING WILL ENSURE THE SAFE USE OF YOUR FIREARM. THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

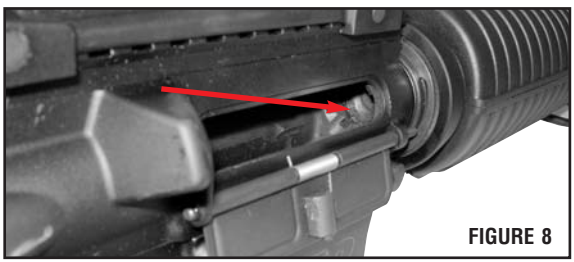
FIGURE 8

LOADING

- Do not load the rifle until you have read and fully understand this manual.
- Do not load the rifle until you are ready to use it. Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you are ready to fire.
- Never load your rifle until you are sure of your target, what is beyond it and are fully prepared to fire.
- Set safety selector lever to “SAFE”. (Figure 9)
- Press the magazine release and remove the magazine from the firearm.
- With the short end of the magazine facing forward, place a round between the lips of the magazine with the bullet forward. Press the round down until it is held by the magazine lips. Place the next round on top of the previous round and repeat until the desired number is loaded.
- Pull the charging handle all the way back and press the bottom of the bolt catch down and release pressure on the charging handle. This will lock the bolt in the open position. (Figures 10 & 11)

CAUTION: The bolt and carrier being latched open is not a safe condition when a loaded magazine is installed.

- Return charging handle fully forward until it locks and remove finger from bolt catch.
- Smith & Wesson has provided you with a magazine designed to operate in your specific model of firearm. While your magazine may be able to be inserted into another model firearm, it will only function properly in the specific model for which it was designed. Do not interchange magazines from one model firearm to another model firearm.
- Follow instructions in this manual and any other specific instructions which may be marked onto, or accompany, a magazine. Failure to use the particular type of Smith & Wesson magazine specified for your model and caliber of firearm may result in a malfunction.
- With the bullet points forward, insert the loaded magazine into magazine well until it is securely locked in. Check placement by putting downward pressure on magazine. (Figure 12)

WARNINGS: THIS FIREARM MAY DISCHARGE ACCIDENTALLY WHEN A ROUND IS FED INTO THE CHAMBER, IF IT IS DROPPED OR RECEIVES A BLOW TO THE MUZZLE OR FRONT OF THE GUN. (THIS CAN OCCUR REGARDLESS OF THE POSITION OF THE HAMMER OR ANY OF THE VARIOUS SAFETY DEVICES.) THEREFORE, EXTRA CARE AND STRICT ADHERENCE TO THESE INSTRUCTIONS BY THE GUN USER IS MANDATORY FOR MINIMIZING THE RISK OF ACCIDENTS.

WARNING: ALWAYS POINT THE MUZZLE IN A SAFE DIRECTION WHEN YOU RELEASE THE BOLT.

FIGURE 9

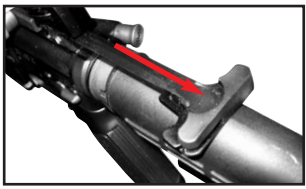

FIGURE 10

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FIGURE 12

- Keeping fingers away from ejection port and muzzle pointing in a safe direction, press in on the top of the thumb piece of the bolt catch. This will release the bolt and carrier to move forward and feed a round from the magazine into the chamber. The firearm is now loaded and will fire if the safety selector lever is set on "FIRE" and the trigger is pulled.

- If the bolt does not completely close, press the bolt assist. This should move the bolt completely forward. If your rifle is not equipped with a bolt assist or the bolt assist does not chamber a round, see the Clearing Misfires section of this manual.

- You may now close the ejection port cover if you wish.

WARNING: IF THE CARTRIDGE FAILS TO STRIP FROM THE MAGAZINE OR FULLY SEAT INTO THE CHAMBER, IMMEDIATELY STOP THE LOADING PROCESS. REMOVE THE MAGAZINE, LOCK THE ACTION OPEN AND VERIFY THAT THE CHAMBER IS EMPTY. REFER TO THE "INSPECTING YOUR FIREARM" SECTION OF THIS MANUAL.

WARNING: ALWAYS LOAD A ROUND INTO THE CHAMBER BY FEEDING IT FROM THE MAGAZINE. NEVER ATTEMPT TO LOAD THE FIREARM BY INSERTING A ROUND INTO THE OPEN EJECTION PORT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS WARNING CAN RESULT IN SEVERE INJURY OR DEATH TO YOUR OR OTHERS.

WARNING: NEVER STRIKE OR DROP THE FIREARM. DOING SO MAY CAUSE A ROUND TO CHAMBER.

WARNING: THESE SMITH & WESSON M&P RIFLES WILL FIRE WITH THE MAGAZINE REMOVED. KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER AND OUTSIDE THE TRIGGER GUARD UNTIL YOU HAVE MADE THE COMMITMENT TO FIRE.

FIRING

WARNING: ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.

WARNING: WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION SPECIFIED FOR FIREARM USE EVERY TIME YOU DISCHARGE YOUR FIREARM. MAKE SURE OTHERS IN THE VICINITY OF WHERE YOU WILL BE SHOOTING DO SO AS WELL.

- Grasp firearm with one hand on handguard and other hand on firearm grip with index finger resting along outside of trigger guard. Raise firearm and pull buttstock firmly into shoulder. (Figure 13)
- Move safety selector to "FIRE" (Figure 14)
- Keeping steady aim, place index finger on trigger and pull gently until the rifle fires. Your firearm reloads immediately after firing.
- You may continue to fire by pulling and fully releasing the trigger until the magazine is empty.
- If you wish to stop firing, release trigger, remove finger from trigger guard, and set safety selector to "SAFE". If you have fired the last round from the magazine, the bolt will be held to the rear so that the firearm can quickly be reloaded by replacing the magazine, or the chamber can be inspected to ensure it is empty.

CLEARING MISFIRES

WARNING: IF YOUR FIREARM GIVES ANY INDICATION THAT IT IS NOT PERFORMING PROPERLY OR THE OPERATION OF YOUR FIREARM HAS CHANGED "THE WAY IT FEELS OR SOUNDS", STOP FIRING. MAKE SURE THE FIREARM IS POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION, UNLOAD THE FIREARM AND HAVE IT INSPECTED AND TEST-FIRED BY A GUNSMITH QUALIFIED TO PERFORM SERVICE ON SMITH & WESSON FIREARMS.

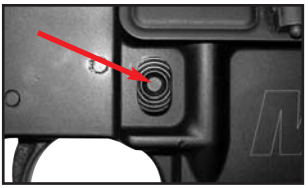
- If a cartridge fails to fire, wait ten seconds while keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Keep your finger off the trigger and out of the trigger guard. (Figure 13)
- Remove the magazine.
- Pull the charging handle all the way back and press the lower portion of the bolt catch down. This will lock the bolt in the open position. Push charging handle back to original position.
- Check chamber to be sure no cartridges are visible.

FIGURE 13

FIGURE 14

UNLOADING

- Set safety selector lever to “SAFE”
- Press magazine release and remove magazine. (Figure 15)
- Pull charging handle to rear and push in lower portion of bolt catch. If a round had been in the chamber it should have been ejected. If last round had been fired, bolt and carrier should already be held to rear, provided magazine is in place.
- Look into the chamber through ejection port to ensure chamber is empty. (Figure 16)
- Remove remaining live rounds by sliding them forward and out of the magazine.
- Collect live ammunition for safe storage and spent cartridge cases for disposal.



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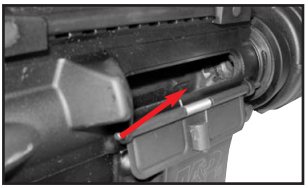


FIGURE 16

FIELD STRIPPING DISASSEMBLY

WARNING: ALWAYS KEEP THE BARREL POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.

WARNING: ALWAYS FOLLOW THE FIELD STRIPPING INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY. NEVER DO ANYTHING BEYOND WHAT YOU ARE SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED TO DO IN THIS MANUAL. NEVER ALTER OR MODIFY THE PARTS IN YOUR FIREARM.

WARNING: WEAR SAFETY GLASSES EVERY TIME YOU ASSEMBLE OR DISASSEMBLE YOUR FIREARM.

- Ensure that magazine is removed and the firearm is not loaded so that it will not fire.
- Push the top of the bolt release to ensure that the bolt is in the forward position.

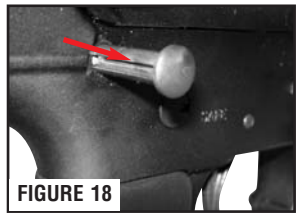
FIELD STRIPPING DISASSEMBLY CONT'D.

- Push in take down pin (above and behind the trigger) from left of lower receiver and pull the pin out on the right of the receiver until it comes to a positive stop. (Figure 17 & 18)
- Pivot lower receiver down and away from upper receiver. (Figure 19)

Note: Never dry-fire with the rifle disassembled.

- If required for more convenience, remove pivot screw from front of receivers and separate the receivers.
- Pull the charging handle to rear and remove bolt carrier assembly.
- Remove charging handle by pulling it backwards to keyway and down out of the upper receiver. (Figure 20)
- Figure 21 shows bolt assembly and charging handle.

FIGURE 17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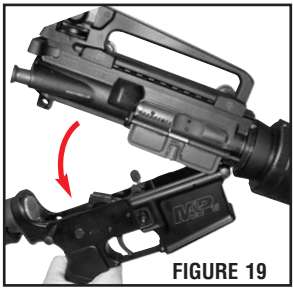
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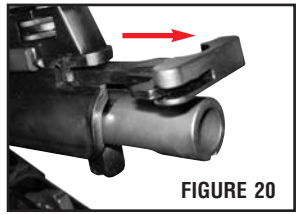
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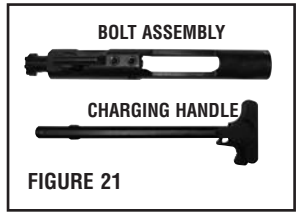

FIGURE 21

SPECIAL COMPONENT DISASSEMBLY

HANDGUARD REMOVAL - M&P15 & M&P15A
- Using a two-person "Buddy System"

WARNING: ALWAYS ENSURE THAT THE RIFLE IS UNLOADED BEFORE ANY PROCEDURE IS ATTEMPTED.

- Stand the rifle on its buttstock with one hand gripping the stocks and other gripping the lower end of the handguard.
- While your buddy presses down on the slip ring, which is a two-hand job, pull the hand guard free. (Figure 22 & 23)
- Repeat this procedure to remove the other handguard.

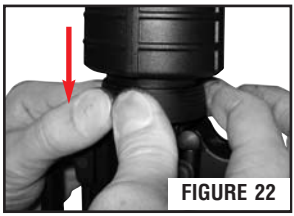
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FIGURE 23

MODULAR RAIL FOREND REMOVAL - M&P15T

WARNING: ALWAYS ENSURE THAT THE RIFLE IS UNLOADED BEFORE ANY PROCEDURE IS ATTEMPTED.

- Ensure that magazine is removed and the firearm is not loaded so that it will not fire.
- Move safety selector lever to "SAFE".
- Push in the stainless steel detent on bottom of modular rail forend (Figure 24) and slide bottom rail towards the muzzle of the firearm.
- Line up teeth in bottom rail and lift out of assembly.

FIGURE 24

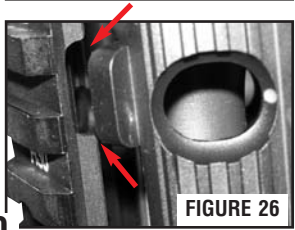
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FIGURE 25

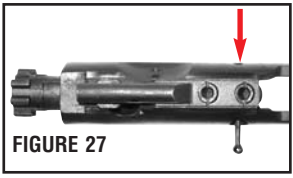
BOLT FIELD STRIPPING

WARNING: ALWAYS ENSURE THAT THE RIFLE IS UNLOADED BEFORE ANY PROCEDURE IS ATTEMPTED.

- Pull back on the charging handle and bolt carrier assembly.
- Remove the bolt carrier assembly.
- Pull the charging handle back and down to remove it.
- Move the bolt forward to the unlocked position and remove the firing pin retaining pin. Do not open or close the split end of the firing pin retaining pin. (Figure 27)
- Push the bolt into the bolt carrier to put it in the locked position. (Figure 28)
- Remove the firing pin out of the rear of the bolt carrier. (Figure 29)
- Give the bolt cam pin a 1/4 turn and lift it out. (Figure 30)
- Remove the bolt from the bolt carrier.

WARNING: DO NOT DISASSEMBLE THE EXTRACTOR OR THE SPRING ASSEMBLY.

- Press the rear of the extractor to check that the spring works. (Figure 31) If there is no tension, you must take the extractor ' apart and clean the parts.
- Use a drift/pen tip to remove the extractor pin.
- Remove the extractor from the bolt. Do not remove the rubber grommet from the spring. (Figure 32)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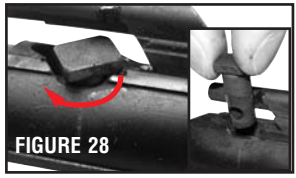
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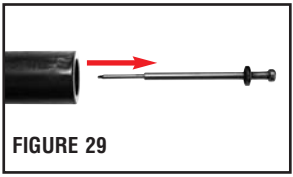
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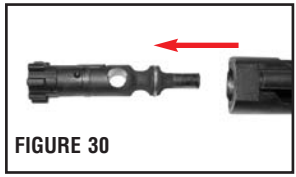
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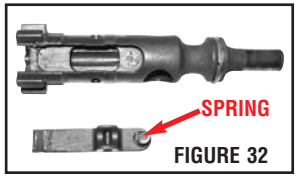


FIGURE 32

BUFFER AND SPRING FIELD STRIPPING

WARNING: ALWAYS ENSURE THAT THE RIFLE IS UNLOADED BEFORE ANY PROCEDURE IS ATTEMPTED.

- Push in buffer (at the rear of the receiver/front of the stock) slightly and depress buffer retainer to release the buffer. (Figure 33)
- Remove buffer and spring from the buffer tube. (Figure 34)

FIGURE 33

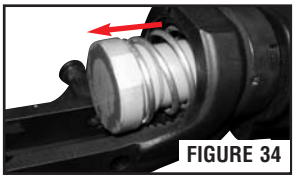


FIGURE 34

WARNING: DO NOT ALTER, MODIFY OR REPLACE ANY OF THE PARTS OF YOUR FIREARM UNLESS THIS WORK IS PERFORMED BY A QUALIFIED GUNSMITH USING GENUINE SMITH & WESSON PARTS. IF YOU DO OTHERWISE, IMPROPER FUNCTIONING MAY OCCUR AND SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT.

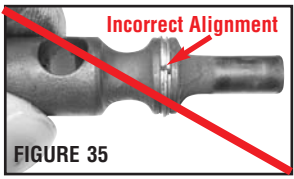
WARNING: NEVER DISASSEMBLE YOUR FIREARM BEYOND THE FIELD STRIPPING PROCESS OUTLINED IN THIS MANUAL. NEVER MANIPULATE ANY INTERNAL COMPONENTS BEYOND WHAT YOU ARE SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED TO DO IN THIS MANUAL SINCE THIS MAY AFFECT THE RELIABILITY, FUNCTIONING AND SAFETY OF YOUR FIREARM.

FIELD STRIPPING ASSEMBLY

WARNING: ALWAYS FOLLOW THE FIELD STRIPPING INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY. NEVER DO ANYTHING BEYOND WHAT YOU ARE SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED TO DO IN THIS MANUAL. NEVER ALTER OR MODIFY THE PARTS IN YOUR FIREARM.

WARNING: WEAR SAFETY GLASSES EVERY TIME YOU ASSEMBLE OR DISASSEMBLE YOUR FIREARM.

- Assemble your rifle in the reverse order that you took it apart.
- Make sure that the gas-rings on the bolt are NOT aligned when reassembling. (Figures 35 & 36)



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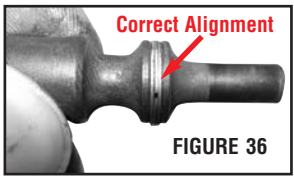


FIGURE 36

- Lubricate all metal parts by wiping them with a cloth dampened with a high quality gun oil. Remove excess oil. Leave a light film of oil on all metal parts of your rifle - inside and out.

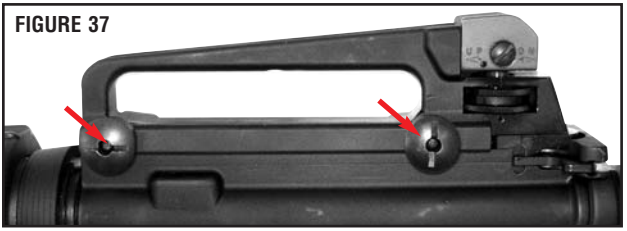
CARRY HANDLE

WHEN EQUIPPED

FOR OPTICS INSTALLATION

- Loosen both screws on the side of the carry handle.
- Lift carry handle up and off of gun.

FIGURE 37



COLLAPSIBLE STOCK

WHEN EQUIPPED

To extend the collapsible stock, depress lever and pull the stock out until it locks into position.

To collapse the buttstock, depress the lever again and push forward until it locks into position.

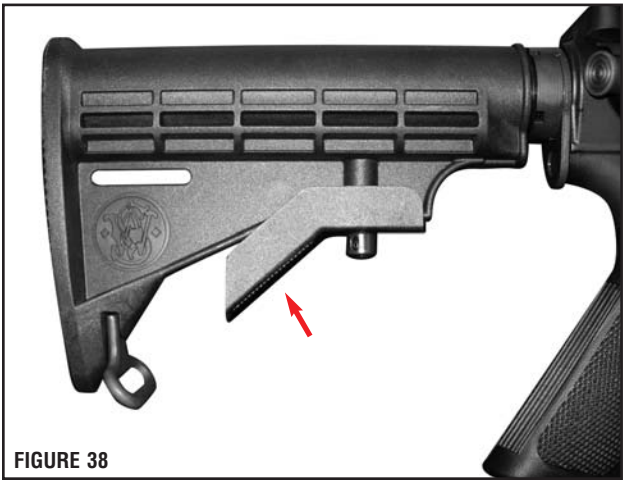


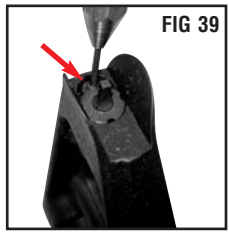
FIGURE 38

SIGHT ADJUSTMENT

WHEN EQUIPPED

ADJUSTABLE FRONT SIGHT POST

- The front sight post is moved up or down when zeroing the rear sight. To adjust elevation using the front sight, depress the front sight detent and rotate the post. Once the rear sight is zeroed, the front sight post should not be moved.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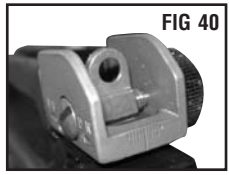
DUAL APERTURE REAR SIGHT

- This sight has a dual aperture. Use the larger aperture for normal range firing. Use the small aperture for longer range firing.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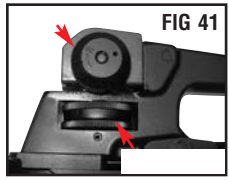
FIG 41

FRONT BATTLESIGHT

- The front sight post is moved up or down when zeroing the rear sight. Adjustments can be made by twisting the post with pliers. Once the rear sight is zeroed, the front sight post should not be moved.

FIG 42

REAR BATTLESIGHT

- This sight has a dual aperture. Use the larger aperture for normal range firing. Use the small aperture for longer range firing. Windage adjustments can be made with the rear sight. Adjustments can be made by turning the windage adjustment wheel with a small punch or pen tip.

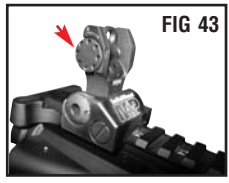
FIG 43

TO RAISE YOUR BATTLESIGHT

- Lift up on the sights until they lock into position.

TO LOWER YOUR BATTLESIGHT

- Depress the stud on the left side of the sight base while folding the sights rearward.

Note: Be sure that the large rear sight aperture is deployed before folding the rear battlesight.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

WARNING: ENSURE YOUR FIREARM IS UNLOADED BEFORE BEGINNING TO CLEAN IT (SEE "INSPECTING YOUR FIREARM" SECTION). ALWAYS FOLLOW THE RULES OF SAFE GUN HANDLING.

Before using your firearm for the first time, it should be cleaned. Your firearm has been treated with either a preservative or oil to protect it against corrosion. Before using it, all excess oil should be wiped from the bore, chamber and exposed areas using a clean swab or patch. A light coat of high quality gun oil should be applied to the outside surfaces and mechanism. Care should be taken not to oil the mechanism to the extent where oil will be dripping or running down the firearm. Dirt and residue will be trapped if too much oil is present.

Avoid contact between cleaning rod and muzzle as resultant wear will reduce accuracy.

Attach a cotton flannel patch to the end of a cleaning rod. Insert it in the chamber and pass rod and patch down through the barrel. Repeat, changing patches until the patch comes out clean.

Visually inspect the barrel. If it is clean, wipe all components dry and lubricate. If it is still dirty, continue with cleaning.

Attach brass wire bristle brush to cleaning rod and dip brush in gun cleaning solution. Thoroughly scrub out barrel, passing the brush all the way through before reversing the movement. If you try to change direction with brush in barrel, the brush will stick.

Attach a larger, chamber cleaning brush to the cleaning rod, dip the brush in bore cleaning solution and clean the chamber. Use a minimum of five plunge strokes and three 360º clockwise, rotational strokes.

** Wipe all components clean and dry.

Lightly moisten a flannel patch with gun oil and pass it once through the barrel, leaving a thin film of oil on the inside surface. Leave this film of oil on the inside surface if the firearm is to be stored. If it is not to be stored or if it is being removed from storage for use, pass a dry patch through barrel and chamber to remove as much oil as possible.

Reassemble the firearm as previously described.

Remove any gun cleaning solution, oil and fingerprints from the outside surfaces of the firearm. (Finger moisture, if left, could start a corrosion process)

CAUTION:
Gas tube will discolor from heat. Do not attempt to remove discoloration.

CAUTION:
Always follow the instructions provided with your gun cleaner and gun lubricant.

CAUTION:
Some cleaners can cause damage to your firearms. You should avoid prolonged solvent immersion and prolonged ultrasonic cleaning of your firearm. Choice of solvent should be restricted to those products specifically developed for firearms maintenance. Damage to a firearm's finish may occur if these cautions are ignored. Ammoniated solvents or other strong alkaline solvents, should not be used on any Smith & Wesson firearm. As a rule of thumb, if you would be comfortable applying the solvent of your choice to the finish of your automobile, it will probably be safe for use on your firearm.

After the cleaning, there may be some residue in both the barrel and action that works out and becomes apparent within 24-48 hours. This can be removed with a bristle brush and a light reapplication of powder removing solvent after which the oil film should be re-established on all surfaces.

Cleaning is essential to ensure the proper functioning of your firearm.

Your firearm is a precision instrument. To ensure reliable function it is necessary to follow a routine maintenance procedure. After firing your firearm, be sure to unload it following the procedure outlined in the section entitled "Inspecting Your Firearm" before performing any cleaning or maintenance procedure.

WARNING: NEVER MANIPULATE, ADJUST OR CHANGE ANY OF THE INTERNAL COMPONENTS OF YOUR FIREARM UNLESS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED TO DO SO IN THIS MANUAL. IMPROPER MANIPULATION OF ANY INTERNAL COMPONENT MAY AFFECT THE SAFETY AND RELIABILITY OF YOUR FIREARM AND MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

WARNING: ANY MAINTENANCE OR SERVICE NOT SPECIFIED IN THIS MANUAL MUST BE PERFORMED BY A QUALIFIED GUNSMITH USING GENUINE SMITH & WESSON PARTS. IF YOU DO OTHERWISE, IMPROPER FUNCTIONING OF YOUR FIREARM MAY OCCUR AND SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH MAY RESULT.

If your firearm will be used or stored in a cold climate, be sure to use an oil of an appropriate weight so that it will not congeal in the cold temperatures.

MAINTENANCE BEFORE STORAGE

When storing, do not encase your firearm in anything that will attract or hold moisture, for example, leather or heavy cloth. Also, do not store guns with a plug inserted in the barrel for this can be a contributing factor to moisture accumulation. If your firearm is to be stored for an extended period, the bore, chambers and internal working mechanism should be oiled with a high quality lubricating oil or preservative intended for firearms. The external working mechanisms, lower and upper receiver, and barrel should be coated with an anti-rust oil. Before using your firearm again, be sure to clean it. Every time you clean your firearm, check it for signs of wear. If wear is noted, do not use the firearm. Return it to Smith & Wesson for service or have it checked by a qualified gunsmith.

LIMITED WARRANTY

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This warranty is granted by Smith & Wesson. This warranty is effective from the date of purchase and applies to the original owner of any rifle. With respect to such rifles, this warranty supersedes any and all other warranties.

Smith & Wesson rifles are warrantied to be free from defects in material and workmanship. Any such defects of which Smith & Wesson receives written notice within one year from the date of purchase by the original owner, will be remedied by Smith & Wesson without charge within a reasonable time after such notification and delivery of the firearm as provided below.

In the event of an emergency (repairs needed by law enforcement, an upcoming match or hunting trip), call 1-800-331-0852, ext. 2905 and ask for 911 PRIORITY REPAIR SERVICE. This allows you to speak with a Smith & Wesson representative. Immediately upon receipt, your firearm will be assigned to a gunsmith. After the work is completed, we will return your Smith & Wesson firearm via overnight delivery.

Warranty claims (in writing) and the firearm concerned should be delivered to Smith & Wesson's Customer Service Department. In addition, a copy of the bill of sale in the owner's name, or a copy of ATF Form 4473 indicating date of purchase must be included.

Warranty claims should state the model and serial number of the firearm concerned and the description of the difficulty experienced. It is recommended that shipments be insured by the owner, since Smith & Wesson will accept no responsibility for loss or damage in transit. Transportation and insurance charges for return to owner will be paid by Smith & Wesson if the claim is covered by the warranty.

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Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you in whole or in part.

Smith & Wesson will not be responsible for:

- Defects or malfunctions resulting from careless handling, unauthorized adjustments or modifications made or attempted by anyone other than a qualified gunsmith following Smith & Wesson authorized procedures, or disassembly beyond the Field Stripping instructions in this manual.
- Use of defective or improper ammunition, corrosion, neglect, abuse, ordinary wear and tear, or unreasonable use.
- Criminal misuse, negligence, resale, use under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Smith & Wesson reserves the right to determine what constitutes ordinary wear and tear. However, we can rebuild firearms that have experienced extreme usage or are beyond their normal useful life at a fee that will be quoted to the owner.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights. You may also have other rights that vary from state to state.

Note: All liability is excluded in the event that the instructions in this manual are not observed.

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- Call or e-mail the Customer Service Dept. for authorization and shipping instructions.
- Ensure that the firearm is unloaded.
- **DO NOT SHIP ANY AMMUNITION.**
- Enclose a letter which includes your full name and address (no P.O. Boxes, please), daytime telephone number, e-mail address, the serial number of the firearm, and details of the problem experienced (stating the brand and type of ammunition used when the problem occurred) or work desired.
- Record the serial number before shipping, in case you wish to check on the repair status of your firearm.
- Please remove all custom parts and accessories, such as stocks, special sights, or holsters from your firearm before returning.
- Place the firearm in its original case or in a similarly secure container and pack securely.
- When returning a firearm, please include all magazines ensuring they are unloaded; they are important to the proper function of the firearm.
- The package must **NOT** bear any markings which indicate the identity of the contents.
- It is most important that you comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations. The following guidelines are meant to help, but you must seek assistance from the appropriate authorities if necessary.
- **Do not attempt to ship a firearm via US Postal Service; only federally licensed dealers may ship a firearm by US Postal Service.**

- If your firearm must be replaced, it may be necessary to ship the replacement to a dealer rather than directly to you. You will be requested to furnish a signed FFL (Federal Firearms License) from your dealer in such an instance.
- Warranty repair work will begin upon receipt and examination of the firearm. In the case of repairs or work not covered by the warranty, a quotation covering the cost of the work plus round trip transportation charges will be sent to you. Repairs or modification will begin upon receipt of payment.

WARNING: YOU MAY PURCHASE ACCESSORIES FOR YOUR SMITH & WESSON FIREARM. YOU MUST HAVE SOME OF THESE PARTS INSTALLED BY A GUNSMITH QUALIFIED TO PERFORM SERVICE ON SMITH & WESSON FIREARMS. YOU MUST NEVER ATTEMPT TO MODIFY YOUR FIREARM OR INSTALL REPLACEMENT PARTS IN YOUR FIREARM. ALWAYS USE A QUALIFIED SMITH & WESSON GUNSMITH EVEN IF THE REPAIR SEEMS TO BE SIMPLE.

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